

## QUERY CONTROL FORM

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wherein each receiver can be driven by the carrier web via the packages.

<sup>13</sup>  
--~~35~~. (new) Apparatus according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~32~~, wherein the receivers for the packages comprise a separate drive.

<sup>14</sup>  
--~~36~~. (new) Apparatus according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~32~~, wherein the receivers comprise a separate drive for providing a velocity which is less than a transfer velocity, and that the transfer velocity is generated through contact between the packages and the carrier web.

<sup>15</sup>  
--~~37~~. (new) Apparatus according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~32~~, wherein the pressure applying device is preceded by a moveable heating element with a contact surface, wherein the size of the contact surface between the heating element and the carrier web can be adjusted continuously between zero and a maximum value.

<sup>16</sup>  
--~~38~~. (new) Apparatus according to claim <sup>15</sup>~~37~~, wherein the contact surface of the heating element has a convex shape.

<sup>17</sup>  
--~~39~~. (new) Apparatus according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~32~~, further comprising a post-treatment unit having an electrically powered hot plate with a flat or concave hot surface and a controller which is adjustable to a nominal temperature.

<sup>18</sup>  
--~~40~~. (new) Apparatus according to claim <sup>17</sup>~~39~~, wherein the flat hot surface (21) relates to a linear transport conveyor and the concave hot surface (21) relates to a circular transport conveyor for the packages (5) and that the length of the